Breaking News

HazMat Amnesty Cleared for Take-Off!

(Hazardous Materials)



As part of this years Safety Stand-Down Day, the Environmental Management Office (EMO) will be granting HazMat Amnesty! What is HazMat Amnesty? HazMat Amnesty gives you the opportunity to evaluate your chemical storage areas and get rid of all the old/expired products that are no longer needed. EMO will accept your old/expired products without the paper work typically required for disposal. In order to allow EMO enough time to

properly identify, inventory, and package your old/expired products, the Center will be divided into two sections. If your facility is on the Reid Conference Center Side of Langley Blvd., you will be able to transport your old/expired products to Building 1181 on June 24th from 8am - 1pm. If your facility is on the cafeteria side of Langley Blvd., you will be able to transport your old/expired products to Building 1181 on June 25th from 8am-1pm. Make sure to get your HazMat to EMO on your assigned day because when HazMat Amnesty ends, normal waste disposal procedures go back into effect.

DO NOT TRANSPORT: unknowns, materials that are potentially shock sensitive or process generated waste. If you discover any unknowns or items that are potentially shock sensitive, DO NOT MOVE THEM. Please write a detailed description of the container and it's location (on the Center) on the back of this flyer. Remember to turn the list into EMO on your designated day to be approved for HazMat Amnesty. Only these items will be picked up.

To participate in HazMat Amnesty 2004 follow these simple instructions:

- Step 1: Write your name and org. code on the back of this flyer.
- **Step 2:** List the items that you will be dropping-off.
- **Step 3:** Bring this flyer and the items to be dropped-off to Building 1181 on your assigned day.
- **Note:** Do not transport unknowns or shock-sensitive materials located in your facility. Instead, provide a detailed description of the container and it's location on the back of this flyer. EMO will schedule a pick-up for these items in the coming weeks.

Keep in mind when transporting your old/expired products that you will need to keep incompatible materials separated (for questions call EMO at 48058). Personnel coming from the east side <u>MUST</u> use the Durand gate. We hope that your facility will take advantage of this offering of HazMat Amnesty.

Transportation Guidelines:

- 1. Use common sense; if the chemical is in a glass container pack loose material around it to prevent damage. Don't overload boxes used to carry multiple containers.
- 2. Please do not attempt to transport materials if the container is damaged; e.g.: broken cap. Call EMO (at 48058), to schedule a pick-up of these materials.
- 3. Exercise appropriate caution when handling these items. If personal protective equipment, such as gloves or a faceshield are needed, be sure to use them.
- 4. If there are any questions regarding a specific chemical, compound or product, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). If additional information is needed, please call EMO or the Industrial Hygiene staff (43208 or 43205).
- 5. Care should be taken to ensure that incompatible materials are kept separated during transportation, e.g.: acids and bases. Compatibility questions should be directed to the EMO.

Name: ______ Org. Code:_____

- 6. Include MSDS's if already on-hand.
- 7. Personnel coming from the east side <u>MUST</u> use the Durand gate.

Item	Bldg.	Room&Location

Note: Additional forms are available via the Safety Stand-Down Day website

@ http://safety.larc.nasa.gov/OSFAHomePageStuff/SSDD/SSDDHome.html

Policy Clarification on HAZMAT Amnesty

HAZMAT Amnesty is NOT intended for laboratory chemicals. The intent is to properly dispose of the type of chemicals that the average consumer could obtain at local stores in typical consumer quantities.

That is, we are NOT looking for gallon containers of solvents like acetone, acids, or bases, but rather items such as that leftover can of paint or no longer needed bottle of bleach. For items that meet the definition of consumer type and quantity, care still needs to be taken in the transport of the items to Bldg 1181.

- " Do not transport items in personally owned vehicles.
- " Take care to properly pack and load items prior to departure. Wrap glass containers in bubble wrap or other packing material and place containers in a sturdy cardboard box. If the chemical container is damaged, the lid is missing, or the chemical is not labeled Do Not Transport it.
- "After packing and loading, immediately proceed directly to Bldg 1181, no stops, no diversions it s hot outside and high temperatures outside in sunlight or inside a parked car can cause nasty chemical reactions.
- " If there is any doubt as to whether or not you should transport the item, don't. Just use the normal disposal procedures. http://hazwaste/
- "Laboratories that have excess chemicals can schedule a time/day with EMO to do a bulk turn-in, contact EMO or the Safety Office for further guidance.
- "Remember, this activity is intended to make the workplace safer, not more hazardous, so take care in handling these materials. If you have questions or doubts about a chemical, call 4SAFE or EMO before handling or transporting chemicals
- "Refer to the HAZMAT Amnesty "Breaking News" Form at: http://safety.larc.nasa.gov/OSFAHomePageStuff/SSDD/HazAm.pdf for further quidance/clarification.